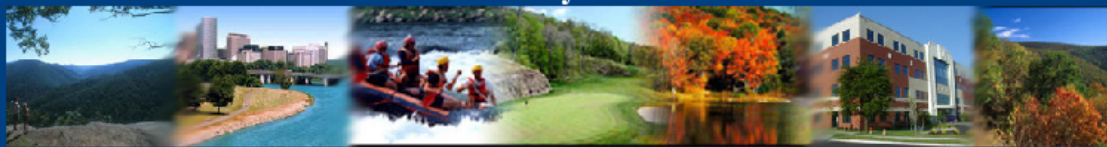


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January 2007



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<a href="#">PA10039/FNP7071</a>	Fredericksburg	1/10/07
<a href="#">EM25007</a>	Fredericksburg	1/10/07
<a href="#">FP1222</a>	Fredericksburg	1/10/07
<a href="#">IM2105</a>	Fredericksburg	1/10/07
<a href="#">PED4045</a>	Fredericksburg	1/10/07
<a href="#">GS18009</a>	Wytheville	1/23/07
<a href="#">NEURO41000</a>	Wytheville	1/23/07
<a href="#">OB3037</a>	Wytheville	1/23/07
<a href="#">ORT30008</a>	Wytheville	1/23/07

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### Filled Positions



Position Number	Location
IM2097	Wytheville
OB3028	Big Stone Gap
GS18005	Lebanon

### Upcoming Events

**February 17**

[X-ray Certification or Continuing Education](#)

Charlottesville

Virginia Chiropractic Association

**February 23**

[Palliative Care Conference: Bringing Comfort to Patients and Nurses](#)

Roanoke

Radford University

**February 26-28**

[Rural Health Policy Institute](#)

Grand Hyatt Hotel

Washington, DC

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## Virginia SEARCH

Virginia SEARCH reports that in addition to the three placements reported in January, two additional former SEARCH students have accepted job offers as Physician Assistants in Quinton and Tangier Island.

The Virginia SEARCH Program will be exhibiting at the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine's Hospital Day on March 29 at the school in Blacksburg and at the Annual Conference of the Virginia Primary Care Association May 9-10 at the Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke. Please stop by and visit. For more information on the program, please visit the website [vasearch.org](http://vasearch.org).

## National Health Service Corp

The applications for the 2007 Scholarship application cycle became available at the end of January. They are being mailed to financial aid offices of health professions schools around the country. For those students interested in obtaining an application, please call (800) 221-9393. The Scholarship Application will be due March 30, 2007.

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<a href="#">FP1223</a>	Martinsville	2/8/07
<a href="#">DEN20010</a>	Victoria	2/16/07
<a href="#">DEN20011</a>	Haynesville	2/21/07

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### Upcoming Events

March 16-17

[American College of Physicians,](#)  
[Virginia Chapter Scientific Meeting and Post Course](#)

Ritz Carlton Hotel  
McLean, VA

March 21-23

[Innovations for Prevention: A National Dialogue for Action to Increase](#)  
[Colorectal Cancer Screening](#)

Baltimore, MD

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For more information and registration information, contact Mary Casebolt at Mary Washington Hospital (540) 741-1751 or [mary.casebolt@medicorp.org](mailto:mary.casebolt@medicorp.org) or Bunny Caro-Justin, Virginia Department of Health -Arthritis Project, (804)864-7877 or [ba.caro-justin@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:ba.caro-justin@vdh.virginia.gov).

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<a href="#">FP1224</a>	Low Moor	3/1/07
<a href="#">GYN3500</a>	Low Moor	3/1/07
<a href="#">IM2106</a>	Low Moor	3/1/07
<a href="#">ORTHO30009</a>	Low Moor	3/1/07
<a href="#">UROL31008</a>	Low Moor	3/1/07
<a href="#">FNP7072</a>	Dublin	3/8/07
<a href="#">END3700</a>	Virginia Beach	3/14/07
<a href="#">ENT17002</a>	Galax	3/14/07
<a href="#">OB3038</a>	Galax	3/14/07
<a href="#">PA10040/FNP7073</a>	Independence	3/14/07
<a href="#">PA10041/FNP7074</a>	Marion	3/14/07
<a href="#">PATH3600</a>	Galax	3/14/07
<a href="#">PED4046</a>	Petersburg	3/14/07
<a href="#">PSY5034</a>	Galax	3/14/07
<a href="#">FP1226</a>	Emporia	3/19/07
<a href="#">FP1227</a>	Newport News	3/22/07

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### Filled Positions



### Upcoming Events

April 17-21

[American Academy of Oral Medicine Annual Meeting](#)

Hyatt Regency Islandia  
San Diego, California

April 23-29

[Cover the Uninsured Week](#)

April 25

[The Fifth Annual Conference on Aging: Functioning With Mild Cognitive Impairment](#)

Roanoke

Position Number

Location

FNP7051  
NEPH34000  
PED4044

Dungannon  
Luray  
Richmond

Radford University

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### Physician Recruitment and Retention Workshop

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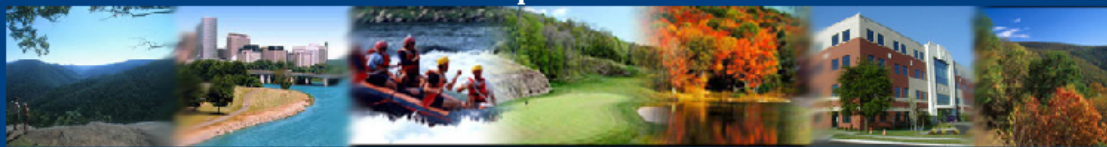
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<a href="#">PSY5026</a>	Roanoke	4/9/07
<a href="#">FNP7075</a>	Alexandria	4/12/07
<a href="#">PA10043</a>	Danville	4/27/07
<a href="#">FP1228</a>	Danville	4/27/07

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### Filled Positions



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None	None

### Upcoming Events

May 11

[Arthritis Summit: Living Well With Arthritis — You Can!](#)

Virginia Arthritis Action Coalition  
Richmond, VA

May 14-18

[NRHA Annual Conference](#)

Anchorage, Alaska

May 18-21

[Virginia Osteopathic Medical Association's Spring 2007 CME  
Conference](#)

The Inn at Virginia Tech and the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Blacksburg, Virginia

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#### Virginia Search Program

Virginia SEARCH has completely filled all their rotations through the end of August. Students and/or clinical coordinators seeking rotation assistance should apply



at least four months in advance for rotations, starting no earlier than September 2007. The program will be exhibiting at VPCA's annual meeting in Roanoke next month. Jane Wills, Executive Director of the Rappahannock AHEC and program manager of the Virginia SEARCH program has been invited by the National Health Service Corps to speak at their annual Ambassadors meeting in Memphis, Tennessee in July. They have asked Jane to talk about how she integrates the promotion of the NHSC into her AHEC, SEARCH and Recruitment and Retention Collaborative activities.

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Position Number	Location	Date Posted
<a href="#">FP1229</a>	South Hill	5/14/07

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### Filled Positions



Position Number	Location
CRD15005	Lebanon
DEN2854	Richmond
FP17057	Lexington
FP17075	Alexandria
FP1044	Pennington Gap
FP1163	Axton
FP1179	Victoria
FP1192	Roanoke
FP1193	Roanoke
IM2019	Pennington Gap
IM2082	Lexington
IM2083	Tazewell
IM2093	Burkeville
OB3036	Abingdon
ON32001	Abingdon

### Upcoming Events

**June 10-12**

#### [Workshop for Directors of Family Medicine Residencies](#)

American Academy of Family Physicians  
Overland Park Convention Center  
Overland Park, KS

**June 14-15**

#### [National Rural Health Association Skill-Building Workshop](#)

Chateau Sonesta  
New Orleans, LA

**November 7-10**

#### [VRHA Conference and Related Events](#)

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PSY5031	Marion
PSY5033	Burkeville
URO31000	Tazewell
URO31002	Big Stone Gap

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For over 25 years, you've known our organization as the Virginia Primary Care Association. To better reflect our mission in improving access to healthcare in medically underserved communities, we're changing our name to Virginia Community Healthcare Association. Please update your records accordingly and remember, even though our name is changing, our mission remains the same. We are dedicated to improving access to primary healthcare for all Virginians.

Sincerely,

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<a href="#">FNP7076</a>	Laurel Fork	6/7/07

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### Filled Positions



Position Number	Location
OB3038	Galax

### Upcoming Events

July 23-27

[Virginia Academy of Physician Assistants, 25th Annual CME Conference](#)

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Virginia Beach, Virginia

July 26

[Virginia Pediatric Asthma Conference](#)

Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, Brickhouse Auditorium  
Norfolk, VA

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Hyatt Regency  
Kansas City, MO

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### **New Commonwealth of Virginia Nursing Scholarship Program: "Supporting Our Nurse Educators"**

Nursing students in the Commonwealth may be eligible for scholarships of up to \$40,000 through the [Commonwealth of Virginia Nursing Scholarship Program](#). Administered by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), the program seeks to increase the number of nursing faculty by providing financial support to master's and doctoral students.

Scholarships will be provided to full-time and part-time graduate nursing students who are accepted to or enrolled in a master's or doctoral level nursing program in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The purpose of this program is to increase the number of nursing faculty by providing master's/doctoral students with financial support. Additionally, this program will assist Virginia nursing schools to recruit and retain new nursing faculty, which enables the schools to increase enrollment. Applications will be accepted from **June 1 through July 31, 2007**.

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<a href="#">FP1230</a>	Grundy	7/5/07
<a href="#">FP1231</a>	Kingsport	7/5/07
<a href="#">GS18010</a>	Grundy	7/5/07
<a href="#">IM2107</a>	Grundy	7/5/07
<a href="#">OB3038</a>	Kingsport	7/5/07
<a href="#">ORT310010</a>	Grundy	7/5/07
<a href="#">PED4047</a>	Marion	7/10/07
<a href="#">FP1232</a>	Front Royal	7/16/07
<a href="#">PED4048</a>	Front Royal	7/16/07

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### Filled Positions



Position Number	Location
FP1215	Woodstock
IM2098	Woodstock
IM2099	Front Royal
OB3027	Grundy

### Upcoming Events

August 9-12

[Virginia Academy of Family Physicians, Annual Meeting and Exposition](#)

The Homestead  
Hot Springs, VA

September 27-28

[3RNet 12th Annual Conference](#)

Omni Richmond Hotel  
Richmond, Virginia

October 2-3

[National Rural Health Association,  
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### **National Health Service Corps Ambassador Meeting**

Jane Wills, Rappahannock Area Health Education Center, and Bill King, Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine attended the 2007 National Health Services Corps Ambassador meeting July 27-29 in Memphis, Tennessee. Wills was one of four Ambassadors recognized with "The Spirit of the Corps Ambassador Award," and she reports making several promising contacts for recruiting primary care physicians to Virginia.

### **Virginia SEARCH**

The Virginia SEARCH program exhibited at the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce Healthcare Council's annual meeting on July 26 and at Shenandoah University's Physician Assistant Career Day on August 3rd in Winchester. SEARCH is scheduled to exhibit at the 3RNet Conference in Richmond in September and at the Virginia Rural Health Association's Annual Conference in November in Staunton.

Virginia SEARCH has a [new website](#). Check it out to learn more about the program!

### **Virginia Loan Repayment Program**

The Office of Minority Health and Public Policy received 27 loan repayment applications for the reporting period of July 1, 2006– June 30, 2007. The office reviewed applications and issued 21 loan repayment awards. Five applications were ineligible for consideration and 1 accepted the National Health Services Corps program. The award amount totaled \$931,854.69.

The Virginia Physician and Virginia State Loan Repayment Programs offer financial incentives to physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners who are committed to serving the needs of underserved populations and communities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Each recipient agrees to serve full-time at medical facilities located in designated health professional shortage areas or medically underserved areas for a minimum of 2 years. In return for their service, each recipient is provided funds to repay qualifying educational loans that are still owed.

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<a href="#">FP1233</a>	Roanoke	8/13/07
<a href="#">NS3800</a>	Roanoke	8/28/07
<a href="#">IM2108</a>	Roanoke	8/28/07
<a href="#">FP1234</a>	Hillsville	8/29/07

### Upcoming Events

**September 27-28**

[3RNet 12th Annual Conference](#)

Omni Richmond Hotel  
Richmond, VA

**September 30 - October 2**

[University of Virginia Symposium on Race and Society 2007](#)

Charlottesville, VA

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##### **"Virginia Commissioner's Healthcare Workforce Individual Award for Distinguished Service"**

The "Virginia Commissioner's Healthcare Workforce Individual Award for Distinguished Service" acknowledges persons that are actively involved in successful initiatives addressing healthcare workforce shortages. Our first group of award recipients have played an important role in the design and implementation and success of programs that have enhanced Virginians access to healthcare. The 2007 recipients are:

- ◆ Mr. Tony Lawson
- ◆ Mayor Joe S. Frank
- ◆ Dr. Cato T. Laurencin

##### **"Virginia Commissioner's Healthcare Workforce Organization Award for Outstanding Contribution"**

The "Virginia Commissioner's Healthcare Workforce Organization Award for Outstanding Contribution" recognizes organization's innovation and excellent performance in their efforts designed to enhance Virginia's health care workforce shortage. The 2007 recipients are:

- ◆ Bon Secours Richmond Health System
- ◆ VCU Blackstone Family Medicine Residency

Read more about the Healthcare Workforce Awards on the [Office of Minority Health and Public Health Policy website](#).

#### **Virginia Nursing Scholarship Awards**

Mary Marshall Nursing Scholarship for Licensed Practical Nurses

- ◆ 48 applicants applied to the Mary Marshall Nursing Scholarship for Licensed Practical Nurses, of which 46 recipients were selected.
- ◆ Selected recipients will receive their scholarship award from the Board of Nursing.

Mary Marshall Nursing Scholarship for Registered Nurses

- ◆ 63 applicants applied to the Mary Marshall Nursing Scholarship for Registered Nurses, of which 61 recipients were selected.
- ◆ Selected recipients will receive their scholarship award

from the Board of Nursing and the General Assembly.

Virginia Nurse Practitioner/Nurse Midwife Scholarship Program

- ♦ 4 applicants applied to the Virginia Nurse Practitioner/Nurse Midwife Scholarship Program, of which three recipients were selected.
- ♦ Scholarship awards are from the General Assembly.
- ♦ 2 slots remain for this scholarship award. If any nursing program can identify eligible applicants, please notify Aileen Edwards Harris immediately at (804) 864-7436.

Commonwealth of Virginia Nursing Scholarship for Nurse Educators

- ♦ 86 applicants expressed interest in the new Commonwealth of Virginia Nursing Scholarship for Nurse Educators, of which 10 recipients were selected.
- ♦ Scholarship awards are from the General Assembly.

Learn more about the nursing scholarship programs on the [VDH website](#).



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<a href="#">EM25008</a>	Roanoke	8/30/07

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#### November 7-10

##### [VRHA Conference and Related Events](#)

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November 8-9: VRHA's Annual Conference

November 9-10: Infectious Disease Workshop (CME Opportunity)

#### November 8-11

##### [Conference on Practice Improvement: Health Information & Patient Education](#)

Sponsored by the AAFP and the [Society of Teachers of Family Medicine](#)

Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa  
Newport Beach, CA

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#### National Health Service Corps SEARCH Program

Virginia SEARCH reports that three Physician Assistant Students who recently completed SEARCH rotations and their program of study at James Madison University have accepted primary care positions in the Commonwealth - in Southside Virginia, Northern Virginia and Harrisonburg.

All NHSC SEARCH programs are in abeyance until January 1, 2008. However, the Virginia SEARCH program encourages students to visit the website [www.vasearch.org](http://www.vasearch.org) and complete applications now for rotations in 2008. A new feature to the website is the "clickandpledge" icon which allows supporters to make online donations. The average housing cost of a four week student rotation is \$600.



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<a href="#">ANS1402</a>	Abingdon	10/11/07
<a href="#">IM2109</a>	Abingdon	10/11/07
<a href="#">FNP7077</a>	Bristol	10/11/07
<a href="#">PSY5035</a>	Abingdon	10/11/07
<a href="#">ORT30011</a>	Roanoke	10/12/07
<a href="#">FP1235</a>	Stuart	10/16/07
<a href="#">PA10044</a>	Stuart	10/16/07
<a href="#">FNP7078</a>	Stuart	10/16/07
<a href="#">FNP7079</a>	Laurel Fork	10/22/07
<a href="#">DEN20012</a>	Laurel Fork	10/22/07

### Positions Filled in October

Position Number	Location
PED4043	Nassawadox

### Upcoming Events

November 16-17

[Managing Diabetes 2007: Medical and Lifestyle Approaches to Management](#)

Williamsburg, VA  
University of Virginia

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Position Number	Location	Date Posted
<a href="#">FP1236</a>	Monterey	11/13/07
<a href="#">HOS19006</a>	Low Moor	11/20/07

### Filled Opportunities

Position Number	Location
FP1206/IM2094	Grundy
FP1197	White Stone
FP1217	Galax
HOS19003	South Hill
IM2087	Stuart
OTO2702	Galax

### Recruitment and Retention Collaborative Team Updates

#### Loan Repayment Programs used to Unite Communities with Caring Health Professionals

Virginia Loan Repayment Programs are incentive programs to recruit primary care health providers to practice in designated areas. Get some relief from your medical education debt. The Virginia Department of Health administers several incentive programs that can help you pay back your loans while you provide valuable care to a vulnerable population. If you are a primary care health professional and have an interest in working in a medically underserved area, then you may be eligible for a loan repayment program. New detailed information and an on-line application will be available January 1, 2008.

#### The Virginia SEARCH Program

The Virginia SEARCH program and Virginia AHEC report that of eight recent graduates of the Shenandoah University and James Madison University Physician Assistant programs who completed SEARCH or AHEC sponsored clinical rotations, six accepted positions in Virginia and they split equally between urban and rural areas. Placement sites included Fredericksburg, Galax, Quinton, Burkesville, Richmond and Northern Virginia.